COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



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14 November 2012

Michael J. Coombs, Jr. 370 Sayres Neck Road Cedarville, NJ 08311

Re: Coombs v DEP

Dear Mr. Coombs:

This letter is in response to your request for a site-specific determination dated September 26, 2012. In my letter to you of October 2, 2012 I indicated that the Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board *may* have jurisdiction in this matter through New Jersey's Right to Farm Act (N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1).

However, upon further review of your request by legal counsel it has been determined that the Right to Farm Act does not pre-empt other State statutes or regulations promulgated thereunder. Consequently, since your request involves the exercise of authority by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to State environmental statutes and regulations, the Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board does not have jurisdiction in this matter.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Principal Planner

Cc: Todd W. Heck, Cumberland CADB Legal Counsel Anthony Lamanteer, Zoning Officer, Lawrence Township Ginger Benckert, N.J. Department of Environmental Protection David Kimmel, State Agriculture Development Committee